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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chairman  
IAC Ad Hoc Committee on Exchanges

SUBJECT: Proposed Exchange of Permafrost Specialists

Siemon William Muller, Professor Geology, Stanford University, has suggested to the Department an exchange of specialists in the field of permafrost. This proposal is set forth in the attached correspondence of Professor Muller with the Department and with Dr. Shvetsov, Director, Institut Merzlotovedeniya, Moscow.

I would appreciate your presenting this proposal to the Committee for evaluation of the probable net intelligence gain involved and for the Committee's advice as to itineraries and personnel. As you will note in his letter to the Department, Professor Muller expects to be in Washington at the end of April or early in May. If possible the Department would like to be in a position at that time to present to him the Government's views and, if appropriate, to discuss detailed plans for an exchange.

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Director  
Office of Intelligence  
Resources and Coordination

Attachments:

Ltrs. to Mr. Merrill from Siemon Muller, dtd. Apr. 1, 1958; to Dr. Shvetsov from Siemon Muller, dtd. Mar. 27, 1958 and to Siemon Muller from Dr. Shvetsov, dtd. Feb. 5, 1958

cc: P/EWC - Mr. Merrill

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